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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME MAY 19, PRIME MINISTER MAKHOSINI COMMENTED ON (A) COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, (B) U.S. ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, (C) DOREAN ISSUE, (D) SWAZI/MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS, (E) SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, AND (F) BILATERAL RELATIONS.

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2. COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE. PRIME MINISTER SAID THE RECENT

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE AT KINGSTON WAS ONE OF THE BEST HE HAD EVER ATTENDED. HE NOTED THAT A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION HAD BEEN DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC ISSUES, ESPECIALLY AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT. I TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD TAKEN A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES ON FOOD, ENERGY AND OTHER FIELDS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, I CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO THE FORTHCOMING SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT LDCS WOULD ADOPT A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO INSURE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

3. MIDDLE EAST. PRIME MINISTER NOTED THAT THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT KINGSTON; HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ROLE IN WORKING FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. PRIME MINISTER THOUGHT THAT THE TEMPORARY SETBACKS IN BILATERAL DIPLOMACY WAS DUE TO SOVIET INVOLVEMENT AND THE DIFFICULTY OF WORKING WITH SO MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS AND TOLD HIM THE U.S. INTENDED TO PERSEVERE IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. KOREA. PRIME MINISTER SEEMED TO HAVE KOREAN ISSUE VERY MUCH ON HIS MIND, NOTING THAT A NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES HAD CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.N. COMMAND AND U.S. TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA. I CALLED THE PRIME MINISTER'S ATTENTION TO THE DEFEAT OF THE HOSTILE KOREAN RESOLUTION AT THE 29TH UNGA AND NOTED THAT U.S. TROOPS WERE IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER A BILATERAL TREATY AND WOULD STAY THERE AS LONG AS WANTED AND NEEDED; THESE TROOPS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE U.N. COMMAND. I ALSO TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD RESTATED THE U.S. INTENTION TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN AND JAPAN. THE PRIME MINISTER SEEMED TO RECOGNIZE THAT U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN NORTHEAST ASIA WAS IMPORTANT FOR SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THAT AREA.

5. MOZAMBIQUE. THE PRIME MINISTER REFERRED TO THE PROPOSAL DISCUSSED AT THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE FOR THE CLOSURE OF MOZAMBIQUE PORTS TO RHODESIAN TRANSIT TRADE. HE SAID THAT MOZAMBIQUE HAD GIVEN THE SWAZIS ASSURANCES

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THAT THIS ACTION WOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT SWAZILAND. THE PRIME MINISTER NOTED THAT MOVEMENT OF SWAZI GOODS THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY LABOR UNREST IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE TOLD ME THAT THE QUESTION OF CUTTING THE RHODESIAN RAIL LINK THROUGH BOTSWANA TO RHODESIA HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE RECENT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

6. NAMIBIA. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR

THE TRIPARTITE U.S./U.K./FRENCH REPRESENTATION IN CAPE TOWN ON NAMIBIA. THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS, AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WERE VERY HELPFUL AND HAD A GOOD PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT IN DEALING WITH SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.

7. BILATERAL. THE PRIME MINISTER THOUGHT THAT U.S./SWAZI BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE GOOD AND EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE RECENT U.S. DECISION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN THE MATH AND SCIENCE FIELDS. BOLEN

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